

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3179 - SB 3435

March 5, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Department of Homeland Security and the position of Commissioner to head the department. The department will be designated as the principal state agency to coordinate and establish standards for all operations and activities of the state related to homeland security efforts. Creates a Homeland Security Task Force to advise the commissioner on the comprehensive plan and program for homeland security. Creates a Joint Legislative Committee on Homeland Security Oversight composed of six legislative members to review the operations of the department and to report annually to the General Assembly. A violation of this act will be punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures- \$100,000/One-Time

\$923,400/Recurring

**\$1,686/Each One-Day
Meeting**

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – Shifts 35 positions and related budgetary funding to the Department of Homeland Security from the Office of Homeland Security in the Department of Safety and from the Homeland Security Grants program in the Department of Military.

Assumptions:

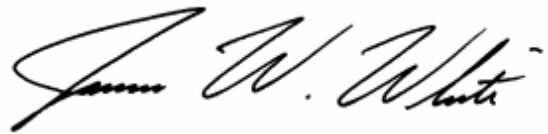
- Funding for eight additional positions and related expenses in the amount of \$1,023,400 will be required to establish the Department of Homeland Security in conformity with other departments in the Executive Branch of state government. The recurring increase in state expenditures for the eight positions is estimated to be \$923,400 per year (salaries, benefits, supplies, travel, communications, office space, etc.). One-time state expenditures associated with the eight positions is

estimated to be approximately \$100,000 (furniture, equipment, vehicle, etc.).

- Transfers any filled or unfilled, authorized and funded positions, assigned to the Office of Homeland Security (30 positions) in the Department of Safety to the Department of Homeland Security. Such transfer will not result in any career service employee suffering loss of employment, compensation, benefits or civil service status. The transfer of positions and employees will be completed by January 1, 2009.
- For administrative purposes, FY08-09 appropriations to the Department of Safety for the operation of the Office of Homeland Security will be transferred to the Department of Homeland Security.
- All personal property, equipment, and other materials made available for the Office of Homeland Security will be transferred to the custody of the Department of Homeland Security.
- Transfers five positions and the Homeland Security Grants program (federal funds) from the Department of Military to the Department of Homeland Security.
- Travel and per diem expenses for six legislative members of \$1,686 per meeting (\$161 per diem plus \$120 mileage each).
- All contracts and leases will continue in full force and effect.
- There will not be a significant number of prosecutions for state or local governments to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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